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"The spoilt Zionist child".

Under the above headline, Al Zaman, the independent evening daily, writes: "The Security Council met yesterday to discuss the alarming news reaching it from the Middle East that war might be resumed on a large scale. America and Canada then hastened to warn the Arabs and Jews alike that violation of the present truce might lead to the imposition of sanctions. What a strange organisation is this Security Council!! It must know that the truce is being violated by the Jews alone, and yet America and Canada had the impudence to warn both Arabs and Jews.

"This absurd incident reminds us of the story of the man who had a spoiled child who became unbearable. When the neighbours complained to the father about the child, the father got hold of one of the children in the neighbourhood, locked him in the house, and beat him so that his cries might be heard by the neighbours who might then think that the father was being firm with the spoiled child."

"The Security Council is behaving in exactly the same manner as the father of the spoiled child. When its observers complained about the violation of the truce by the Jews, it turned to the Arabs and warned them that they stood the risk of having sanctions imposed against them".---

Al Zaman says that unified Palestine is better than the establishment of Israel.

Under the headline "The liquidation of Israel", Al Zaman publishes an article written by one Fouad Sherif, Professor of Commerce at Farouk University. The writer says: "A certain newspaper reported that some Egyptian leaders held the view that a federal union in Palestine was more dangerous than partition. They advance the argument that a Jewish minority which has many rich and cultured Jews can easily penetrate into and eventually control the Arab countries. They also argue that the Arabs' main objective should be to put the Jews out of the whole of Palestine, and that to attain this objective the Arabs should let Israel be established."

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"We agree that the Arabs must put the Jews out of the whole of Palestine, but to say that the establishment of a Jewish state may help the Arabs achieve this end is a debatable question. The establishment of a Jewish state means the continuation of Jewish immigration, and this means that Israel would become stronger. Ben Gurion said in an interview with Time magazine that ten million Jews would ultimately immigrate into Palestine and that the Jews hoped to occupy also neighbouring Arab countries.

"The establishment of an Arab unified state is therefore the only way to liquidate Israel. The Jews would then be afraid to live as a minority within the shadow of an Arab central government, and would be forced to emigrate from Palestine".

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Will the Arab countries withdraw
from the United Nations.

Under the above heading Al Ahram writes: "We learned from an official source that secret discussions are taking place at present among the Arab capitals concerning the withdrawal of the Arab countries from the United Nations if it accepts Israel as one of its members.

"It is said that it has been agreed to address a note to this effect to the members of the United Nations".

Hafez Ramadan Pasha may head
delegation to U.N. Assembly.

The Arabic newspapers report that leader of the National party Hafez Ramadan Pasha may be appointed head of the Egyptian delegation to U.N. It is interesting to note that the Arabic press has been giving much attention to the stories concerning the appointment of the head of the delegation to U.N. and the appointment of a new minister in the vacant portfolio of Public Works.

A Communiqué from the Press Censor.

Ammar Dey, the Censor General, issued a communiqué in which he said that he had noted that some newspapers had been leaving blank columns in their pages to give their readers the false impression that the censor had been too harsh with them and had killed the stories which should have been printed in the blank spaces. Ammar Dey objects to this practice and warns the papers that if they do such a thing in the future they would be liable to confiscation.

Unification of Syria and Iraq.

Baghdad August 19 (A.N.A.) - Mtro. Haulud Hukhlis, member of the Senate, told the ANA correspondent that he favoured the scheme for the unification of Syria and Iraq and that the people of Iraq would support it, if it was accepted by the Syrians. As for Palestine, the Arabs, he said, had lost one round in the battle for its freedom but would succeed in the end if they were ready to make sacrifices and if the Iraqi appeal to the Arab states to strengthen their armies and impose military training on their young men were heeded.